

Financial service advocates play an integral role in the success of a small business, particularly in their assistance with access to credit. The Belknap County Economic Development Group is no exception. They have been assisting small businesses in surrounding communities with great success since 1992.

Initially formed to address economic issues plaguing the area at the time, it later expanded to assisting small businesses struggling to get off the ground. It currently operates a revolving loan fund and two micro-lending programs, as well as provides technical assistance and counseling.

As a former small business owner in the state, I commend the Belknap County Economic Development Group for their hard work and dedication. It is truly an honor to represent them in the United States Senate.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a treaty which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:14 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 275. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress with regard to Iraq's failure to release prisoners of war from Kuwait and nine other nations in violation of international agreements.

At 4:36 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1309. An act to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide for the preemption of State law in certain cases relating to certain church plans.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 275. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress with regard to Iraq's failure to release prisoners of war from Kuwait and nine other nations in violation of international agreements; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-9405. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation or Shipment of Injurious Wildlife: Zebra Mussel (*Dreissena polymorpha*)" (RIN 1018-AF88) received on June 6, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9406. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "10 CFR Part 50: Appendix K, "ECCS Evaluation Models" (RIN3150-AG26) received on June 1, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9407. A communication from the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Fee Schedules; 100% Fee Recovery, FY 2000" (RIN3150-AG50) received on June 7, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9408. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency transmitting, twenty-two items relative to chemical safety; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9409. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Ohio (FRL6600-8) received on May 24, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9410. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of five rules entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Nitrogen Oxides Allowance Requirements (FRL6702-3), "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Alabama; Correction (FRL6708-6), "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Indiana" (FRL6708-5), "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans: Indiana (FRL6708-2), "Revocation of the Selenium Criterion Maximum Concentration for the Final Water Quality Guidance for Great Lake System (FRL6707-7) received on May 30, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9411. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two rules entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Maintenance Plan and Designation of Area for Air Quality Planning Purposes for Carbon Monoxide; State of Arizona" (FRL6601-7), "Oil Pollution Prevention and Response: Non-Transportation-Related Facilities" (FRL6707-6 received May 31, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9412. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

report of five rules entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Arizona State Implementation Plan Revision, Maricopa County Environmental Services Department" (FRL6710-5), "Clean Air Act Final Approval of Operating Permit Program Revisions; Metropolitan Government of Nashville-Davidson County Tennessee" (FRL6710-9), "Clean Air Act full Approval of Operating Permit Program; Georgia" (FRL6711-2), "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL6709-1), "State of West Virginia: Final Program Determination of Adequacy of State Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Permit Program" (FRL6710-3) received on June 1, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9413. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Organobromines Production Waste; Petroleum Refining Wastes; Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste; Land Disposal Restriction; Final Rule and Correcting Amendments" (FRL6711-4) received on June 5, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9414. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acquisition Regulation" (FRL6712-2) received on June 6, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9415. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, one item relative to guidance for implementation of the general duty clause Clean Air Act section 112(r)(1); to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9416. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of two rules entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; West Virginia; Control of Emissions from Existing Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators" (FRL6716-2), "Clean Air Act Full Approval of Operating Permit Program; State of Montana (FRL6714-4) received on June 6, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9417. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plan for Utah: Transportation Control Measures" (FRL6711-9) received on June 9, 2000; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-9418. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of five rules entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Ohio and Kentucky (FRL6717-1), Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Arizona; Control of Emissions from Existing Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators" (FRL6717-7a), "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Colorado, Montana, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming, Control of Emissions from Existing Hospital/